

Application No. 10/690,249
Response to OA of 04/28/2005

Remarks

In the present response, one claim (26) is amended; one claim (17) is canceled; and one claim (32) is newly added. Applicants believe that no new matter is entered. Claims 1-32 are presented for examination.

I. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to the numbering of the claims as not being in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 since two claims are numbered 17. Applicants cancel the "first" claim 17 and resubmit this claim as new claim 32. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

II. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 112

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 26 is amended in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

III. Allowable Subject-Matter

Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for allowing or indicating allowance of claims 1-16, 20-25, and 27-31.

In this response, Applicants have amended claim 26, canceled claim 17, and added claim 32. Applicants have made a sincere effort to put this case in condition for allowance.

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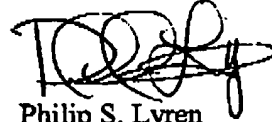
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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